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Mary Stephens, vice president of admission and finance, discusses possible budget cuts to Cal State Long Beach at the Anatol Center.

$1,313 tuition increase possible

The hike would only occur if state tax increases do not pass this November.

BY ALLISON HUITT
Contributing Writer

If state tax increases are not passed in November, the Cal State University may raise undergraduate tuition by 22 percent, or $1,313.

This increase would be in addition to a $498 increase approved last year by the CSU Board of Trustees.

"We are now facing the greatest budget crisis of our history," CSULB Provost Donald Para said.

Many ideas for cutting costs have been discussed, including reducing admission to programs with low

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Engineering elevators to be fixed after generator failure, burnt motor

Two elevators in the engineering building broke down Monday and will be fixed in a week or so.

BY ERIN SPANDORF
Assistant News Editor

Two of three elevators in the Engineering and Computer Sciences building are out of order after breaking down on Monday.

According to Steve Skube, elevator service technician for ThyssenKrupp Elevator Americas, elevator No. 3, on the left, had a generator failure, and, elevator No. 2, in the middle, had a drive motor that overheated.

No one was in the elevators at the time. Currently, elevator No. 2 is stuck between floors where it stopped on Monday, Skube said.

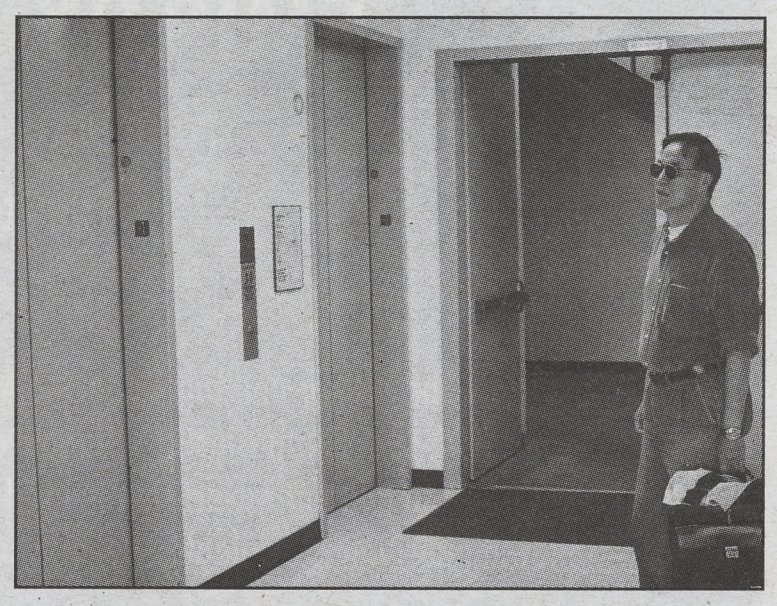
This malfunction happened less than 3 months after a tragic elevator accident in the Cal State Long Beach Foundations building killed Annette Lujan, an Office of University Research employee.

Senior mechanical engineering major Sam Schallberger said he thinks the occurrence is weird but that it is expected to happen from time to time. He said he's not worried for his safety.

Skube said the building was built around 1987 and that, even with maintenance, there are going to be problems. He said they have recently been making repairs to the elevators as things break down, and they are now in the process of fixing the two elevators.

Only elevator No. 1, on the right, is currently running. According to Skube, one of the broken elevators will probably be working again either today or Thursday, and the other will probably be working in about a week.

"It's probably going to be about a week or so," Skube said. "I'm just estimating."



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The Engineering and Computer Sciences building has two broken elevators.

New director to kick-start Cal State Online

Ruth Claire Black says students will 'never have to come to campus.'

BY BRIANNE SCHAER
News Editor

Plans to develop an official online education system for the entire Cal State University have been put into motion after an executive director was hired in mid-December.

Cal State Online Executive Director Ruth Claire Black said she will use her background and experiences in online education to kick-start the program. She has spent the past two months visiting various CSU campuses to determine the best direction for Cal State Online to take.

"I'm really committed to online education and I'm really committed to technology, like the optimization of graphics and tablet technology," Black said. "I'm going to work hard to make sure that all of that is well embedded in Cal State Online."

The decision to name the program Cal State Online was recently finalized due to the ambiguity of the previous working name "CSU Online." The letters CSU were associated with other already existing programs, most notably Colorado State University Online. The name Cal State Online will also provide more options for creating logos, graphics and visuals, Black said.

Courses offered by Cal State Online will be entirely online, Black said, with no hybrid options or requirements to attend a proctored test.

"When we say fully online, we mean fully online," Black said. "The goal is that students would never have to come to campus."

She also said that this fully online model will benefit students who are taking an online course that is offered by a campus far from their home, students who are serving a military deployment in a foreign country, or students who are studying abroad.

Cal State Online will serve as a medium to assimilate pre-existing online programs throughout the CSU, Black said. It will also serve as a degree completion opportunity for people who are attempting to finish a college degree but have faced obstacles such as a break in their studies or inability to attend traditional classes.

Black said she changed career paths herself after working as a lawyer for 10 years before moving to public education.

"I think that helps me understand people who have a complicated career path, or maybe have changed their

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Ruth Claire Black

Senate denies approval of BOT chairman

Herbert Carter could not get votes from Republican lawmakers.

By Kasia Hall
City Editor

Three openings are now left on the Cal State University Board of Trustees after Chairman Herbert Carter was not confirmed by the California Senate on Tuesday.

Carter needed a two-thirds majority approval by the Senate, but, when Republicans indicated they would not give the votes needed, Democratic leaders did not go forward with the vote.

Gov. Jerry Brown reappointed Carter in 2011. Trustees have up to a year to be confirmed by the Senate. Today would mark the last day for Carter but the Senate will not meet.

"He has worked in the past with the CSU," said Erik Fallis, a CSU spokesman. "It's unfortunate he won't be serving with us. He has been part of the university system for decades now."

Carter will not be serving on the board for its next meeting on March 20. Instead, the BOT will vote on a new chair and vice chair, and Vice Chair Robert Linschied will become the acting chair.

Members of the BOT serve different terms depending on how they came to be a part of the BOT, according to Fallis. There are student and alumni trustees recommended by various groups like the Academic Senate and the California State Student Association. These trustees serve two-year terms.

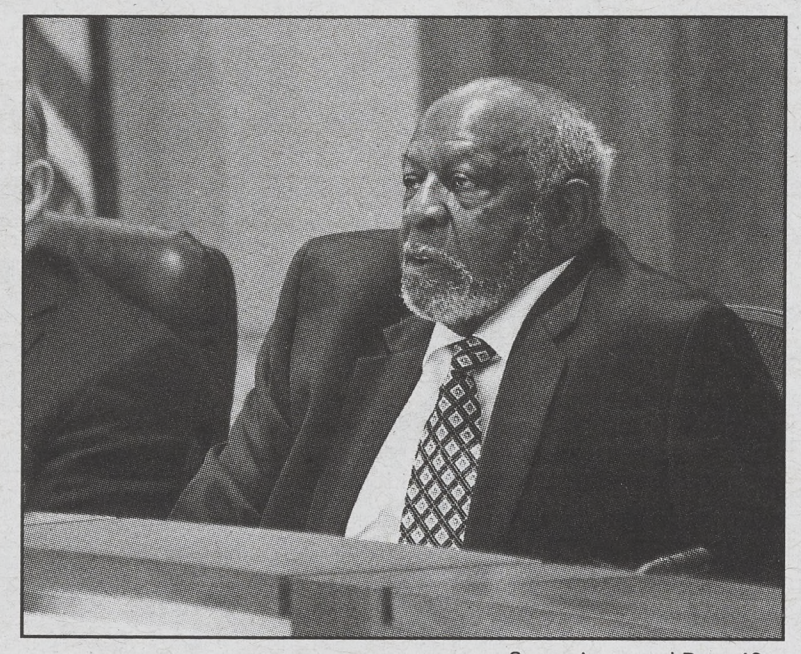
Other trustees are appointed because of the role they serve in California government, Fallis said. This group comprises the majority of the board and serves an eight-year term. Carter was part of this group.

Carter was on the board when they voted in July 2011 for a $100,000 salary increase for new San Diego State President Elliot Hirshman, and approved a 12 percent tuition increase in the same meeting.

Carter also proposed a new policy stating that any new president cannot make no more than 10 percent above his or her predecessor.

Chancellor Charles B. Reed said in a statement that Carter had been a "tireless" supporter of the CSU.

"His decisions have always been made by putting students first, and it is extremely disappointing that his nomination to the Board of Trustees would be subject to political circumstances," Reed said. "To deny the confirmation of a person that has done so much on behalf of the CSU is incomprehensible."



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Herbert Carter did not gain enough support in the California Senate to be confirmed as Chair of the CSU Board of Trustees.

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graduation rates and expensive graduate programs. Faculty teaching courses in these programs would then be used to teach undergraduate classes with a higher student count.

Another idea is to entice more international students to come to the university, which would bring in more revenue.

International students paid $372 per unit on top of system-wide campus tuition during the 2011-12 academic year.

"We are purposely trying to attract international students — two times the number we currently have — in the next few years," Para said.

Some other potential cost-cutting actions are less extreme. Mandating electronic copies of forms, as opposed to hard copies, would cut costs over time.

"We are among the most efficient campuses in the nation," Para said.

Last year's fall 2012 $498 tuition increase will help the university's bottom line, giving CSULB about $10 million in additional revenue but leaving it $11.4 million in the hole.

In the best-case scenario, CSULB will only face this shortfall, but if November tax increases do not pass and the corresponding 22 percent tuition increase is also not passed, CSULB will find itself $27 million in the hole.

Gov. Jerry Brown's 2012-13 budget calls for $200 million in additional cuts to the CSU if voters don't approve two tax increases this November.

Brown has asked voters to approve an increase in sales tax and higher taxes on Californians earning more than $250,000 annually.

A short-term way to produce money for the university is to over-enroll, CSULB officials said.

The goal for enrollment in 2012-13 academic year is 27,413 first-time students, two percent over the Chancellors Office's enrollment goal. Over-enrolling may give the university extra money for a short term, but it isn't a long-term solution.

A steady rise in students would demand a need for more professors and lower number of classes open for students. Graduation rates would decrease, and graduating in four years would become nearly impossible.

But as of now, the tuition increase is only hypothetical. There is no way of knowing exactly what the state of the university's budget will be until November.

"It is of great concern to us because if the November tax increase does not pass, there will be a $200 million CSU-wide cut," said Mary Stephens, vice president of administration and finance. "[About $15 million] of that money could be cut from our own campus, and we won't know until halfway through our academic year."

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Students warned for shouting over sports

By Jessica Rosales
Staff Writer

On Feb. 20 at 10:11 p.m. University Police received a complaint about a disturbance of peace by a group in Parking Structure 3, University Police Lt. Christopher Schivley said.

When University Police arrived at the structure, they found four students arguing about sports. The students all appeared to be friends, but were warned and no further complaints were received, Schivley said.

Suspicious man spotted, students with airsoft gun found

A woman reported a suspicious man walking between the vehicles on level two of Parking Structure 1 on Feb. 17 at 12 p.m., Schivley said.

The man was described as a black, 5'8" man in his 30s with a walkie-talkie clipped to his pants, wearing a light blue polo with no logo. Although University Police believe the suspect was actually an employee, they responded to the call and were unable to locate the initial suspicious man.

Instead, University Police found two students in possession of an airsoft gun, Schivley said. The airsoft gun was confiscated and the two students, both in their 20s, were given a citation, Schivley said.

Bush fire

The fire department was notified about a fire in the bushes at the 22-acre field located across from the Residence Commons and Housing dorms, Schivley said.

When the University Police reached the fire, two suspects wearing hoodies fled on bicycles toward Anaheim Street. The 17-year-old subjects were caught and the suspected arson is under investigation, Schivley said.

Toyota break-in

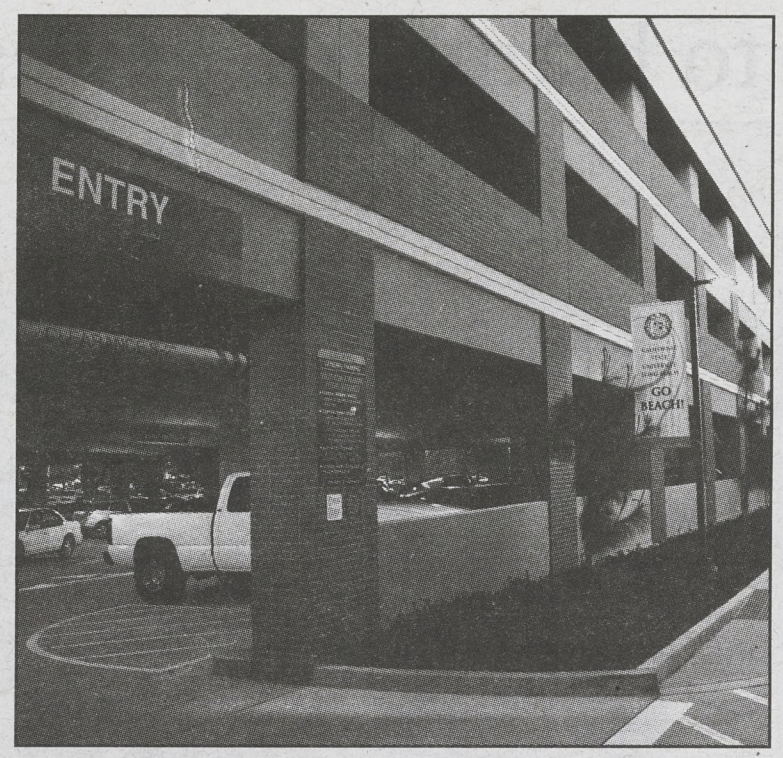
A student reported his 2002 Toyota Celica broken into on Feb. 16 between 4 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at the Residential Learning Center parking lot, Schivley said.

Although the car had no damage to it and the student claimed that the doors were left locked, the suspect was able to steal about $150 worth of merchandise from the vehicle, Schivley said. The stolen items included two skateboards, an iPod and a checkbook.

University Police aid LBPD

At 2 a.m. on Feb. 21, a Cal State Long Beach police officer located a green Hyundai, which was linked to a recent vandalism to a local business, driving on Seventh Street, Schivley said.

University Police found three suspects in the vehicle, one of which had cuts on his arm and hand. The business had its window smashed in what appeared to be an attempted burglary. An investigation is still underway, Schivley said.



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University Police were called to Parking Structure 3, where a group of four students were arguing about sports.

Condoms in the classroom

University Police received a report at about 8:24 p.m. on Feb. 19 that Room 153 in Liberal Arts 5 had been vandalized, Schivley said.

Although there was no damage done, a CSULB community service office found desks overturned and an open condom placed on the light switch. The room was left open for a special event for the Writing Proficiency Examination, so the suspects did not break into the classroom, Schivley said.

Student intoxicated on campus

A student was reported for public intoxication at the CSULB dorms around 5:19 a.m on Feb. 17, Schivley said. The student was found by University Police and said she was lost and unsure how she arrived at the dorms. University Police escorted her to her dorm and left her in the care of her roommate, Schivley said.

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degrees or changed their mind," she said. "I really understand that."

Black previously worked at Brandman University. She led a new division that developed online programs. She received a bachelor's degree from the University of California, Irvine and a law degree from Vanderbilt University.

Cal State Long Beach Associated Students Inc. Treasurer Michael Quibuyen served on the executive director search committee as a California State Student Association representative.

"[Black] was a very strong applicant because of her background with Brandman," he said. "She was one of my top choices from the beginning. She is very open to what the students want and a very good advocate for Cal State Online. She has a very truncated timetable she wants to follow to make sure it gets online by next year."

The initiative to create Cal State Online began in late July with a document created by the Technology Steering Committee (TSC), a group comprised mainly of campus presidents, including F. King Alexander, outlining initial ideas for the program.

"[Black is] working with the TSC to really put the pieces together for how the Cal State Online is going to look like," CSU spokesman Mike Uhlenkamp said. "We're hoping that now that she's on board that the pace is going to be picking up a little bit more."

A new website with information about Cal State Online will soon be made public.

Black plans to launch beta tests for Cal State Online in fall 2012 and officially launch the program in spring 2013.

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Stratfor is to blame for newest WikiLeaks hack

OUR VIEW

The self-proclaimed global intelligence website, Stratfor, has prided itself for years as being one of the world's top information collectors and analyzing platforms. However, it is ironic that self-proclaimed social justice warriors, Anonymous and WikiLeaks, would expose Stratfor by simply hacking e-mails using the company's name as the password.

Stratfor is an online news website that has broken some of the world's biggest news stories over the past decade. Stratfor is subscription-based and most stories are written with an opening paragraph of general information, followed by analysis that the company had dug up. Major companies, like Coca-Cola, have also employed Stratfor to gather information on demographics as well.

This past week, WikiLeaks began releasing some of the millions of hacked e-mails between Stratfor employees and clients.

WikiLeaks received the emails from the feared hacker group, Anonymous, who claimed hacking Stratfor was quite easy. Anonymous said many of the of the Stratfor e-mail accounts were easy to crack because the passwords happened to be "Stratfor."

Anonymous also stole employee credit card accounts and used them to donate money to non-profit organizations.

Stratfor released a statement about the e-mails being released. "This is a deplorable, unfortunate and illegal breach of privacy."

While what Stratfor says is true, it still does not hide their incompetence.

Since Stratfor's inception, they've claimed to send their "spies" — who are just freelance journalists — to dig up stories on top-secret organizations. Stratfor has been known to rival U.S. government intelligence agencies in their information and analysis.

But, if Stratfor's goal has always been to dig up secret information, how could they have been so lackadaisical in covering up their own?

It seems like laziness on Stratfor's part allowed such easy access to their sources of information. While many of the e-mails may end up being harmless, there is still a lot of information the e-mails contain about who Stratfor's sources are, how they get them and how they assess of their information.

However, this story is a double-edged sword.

Why Anonymous and WikiLeaks felt it was crucial to hack and release e-mails from an overpriced news web site that has been criticized for most of its stories being day-after knockoffs of stories written in the New York Times is questionable.

Anonymous has been known to stir the pot in the past, but WikiLeaks at one time was releasing important top-secret information itself.

WikiLeaks was made famous for releasing footage of Iraqi journalists being killed by an American helicopter.

Now, WikiLeaks is releasing e-mails that contain gossip on who the Stratfor employees were sleeping with. It seems like WikiLeaks is leaking oil when it comes to releasing game-changing information.

Perhaps it is poor leadership from WikiLeaks editor-in-chief Julian Assange or an attempt to get back into the news, but WikiLeaks needs to be selective about what they choose to disclose.

As far as Stratfor, this should be a lesson for them. Even though they pride themselves on being one of the best at collecting global intelligence, it is their own top-secret information that is the most important to protect.

The Stolen Valor Act violates our First Amendment rights

LEONARDO POAREO

In an attempt to thwart dishonest claims of military gallantry, Congress passed the Stolen Valor Act of 2005, which imposes fines on those who make false statements about receiving military honors. Xavier Alvarez, a member of a California water district's board of directors, made such false statements by claiming that he had received the Medal of Honor.

Consequently, he was fined, and now the Supreme Court will determine whether the law is constitutional under the First Amendment. If the Constitution means anything, the Supreme Court should strike down the Stolen Valor Act.

The First Amendment is explicit in its protection of speech. In regard to speech, the First Amendment says that Congress can't create a law "abridging the freedom of speech." As constitutional scholar Craig Ducat writes, "of speech" literally means "natural oral or written expression" and the Constitution "declares…precisely that it is to receive absolute protection." Clearly Alvarez expressed himself orally, so he is safeguarded by the Constitution. After all, the First Amendment doesn't make an exception for lies.

The Supreme Court itself has violated the First Amendment by employing a variety of tests and interpretations in ruling on the free speech clause. Such tests include the "clear and present danger" test, which determines whether speech is acceptable according to the circumstances, i.e., yelling "bomb" on an airplane.

These tests display that the Supreme Court isn't actually trying to uphold the Constitution. It's trying to mold society into the model that it desires. Such actions prove that the Supreme Court doesn't always value the Constitution, and if recent action is any indication, it's unlikely it will invalidate the Stolen Valor Act.

The Supreme Court has, in some cases, upheld freedom of speech, but the New York Times reports that lawyers have asserted that overall, the Supreme Court hasn't been really supportive of free speech, especially in cases regarding the government's authority.

Moreover, the Times reported on the Alvarez case's deliberations, observing, "Most of the justices seemed to accept that the First Amendment does not protect calculated falsehoods that cause at least some kinds of harm."

If the First Amendment only protected political speech or speech with so-called "socially redeeming value," as many justices have argued, that would have been specified in the document.

If the text isn't to be followed, then anybody could interpret it in any way, so as to render the contract meaningless.

Our forebears have lived through such anarchy, but it was detestable, so over time they came to develop governments with constitutions, and laws that have meaning.

If the Supreme Court wants to maintain credibility, it must invalidate the Stolen Valor Act.

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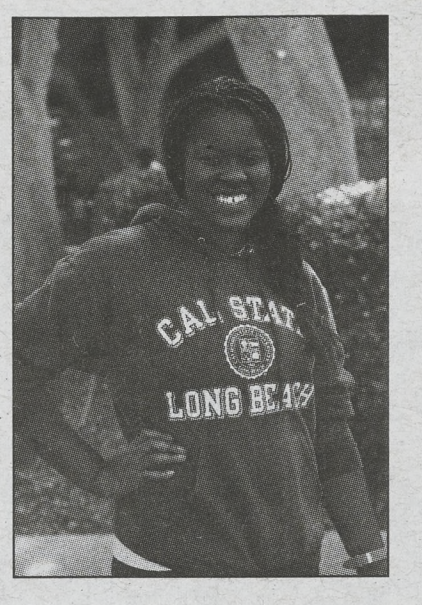
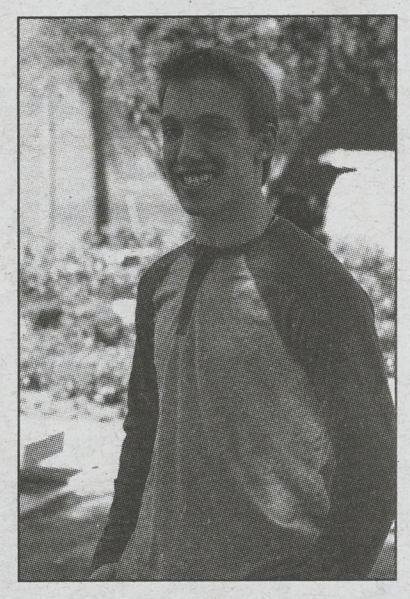


"Yeah, I would do it. It'd be a great way to get involved and it'd be less pressure since I'm guaranteed a position."

-Caroline Opene, junior biology major

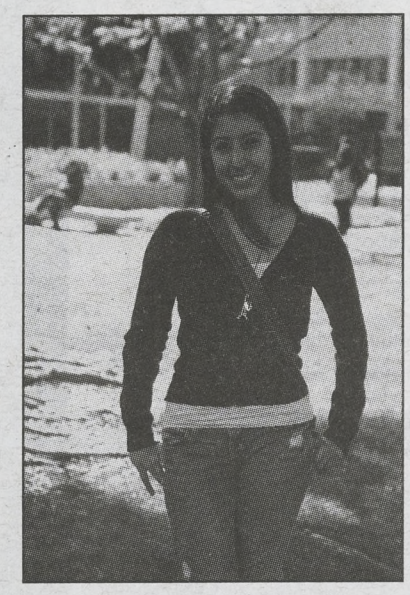
"It would be a good idea because a leadership position could help me get into med school."

-Rossanna Jimenez, junior English literature major



"I'd have to know a little bit more about the position. I'm currently really involved, but I don't think I'd have enough time."

- Jason Pillon, sophomore mathematics major



"I would run because I wouldn't have to work for the position. I would definitely take up the opportunity."

-Leslie Munoz, freshman human development major.

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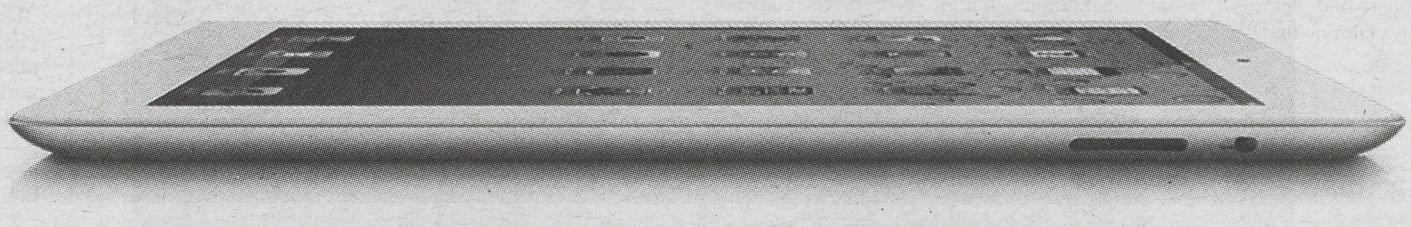

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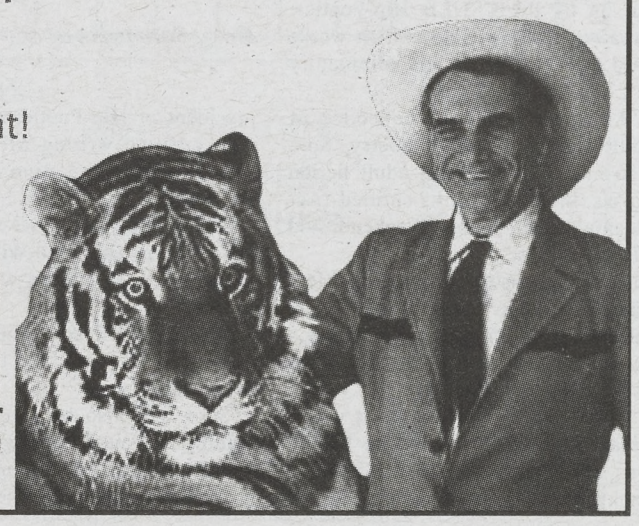

Artist shows 'Domestic' photographs

Jonathan Castillo's photos display aspects of family life.

By Angela Ratzlaff
Staff Writer

Jonathan Castillo

Jonathan Castillo's photos, showing various family aspects, are now on display in the Cal State Long Beach student art galleries.

Spotlighted disconnections in familiar settings of household atmospheres make viewers dive deep into their psyches at the Cal State Long Beach student art galleries this week.

Jonathan Castillo, CSULB photography major, uses photography to depict the homestead world in his ongoing project, "The Domestic." Two photos from the project are a part of the "Exposure: Development of Emerging Artists" exhibition in the Matov L. Gatov Gallery.

Castillo's work puts viewers inside different domestic scenarios, such as watching television with the family or doing homework on the dining room table.

Spotlights on the central figures of each photograph close into a moment of disconnection within the household scene. In one photo, a girl sitting on the couch is spotlighted as she gazes into empty air, detaching herself from her family, who is watching television.

While the photos are able to touch on human psychology, Castillo mentions that he has no background in the subject.

"It comes from my own family and relationships with people who you are living with," Castillo said.

Castillo triggers insightful responses from viewers with his photos.

"My immediate reaction was a true-life soap opera," Brittany Kauffman, photography major said. "It seems natural but staged at the same time."

The ongoing project, which was started one year ago, displays stressful situations that can come from living with loved ones. However, the photos can also be seen in a positive light.

"There can be a good disconnection, which is a healthy thing to have," Castillo said.

The photos are a part of a group exhibition curated by fine arts major Eric Omori, who also has work displayed in the gallery. Other student artists included in the exhibit are Baruch Prince, Candace Wakefield, Cameron Smith, Jake Chadine and Kristina Pallotto.

All of the students who are a part of the exhibition are in the photography program as well as the Photo Club at CSULB, Omori said. The club allows photo students to critique each other's works and go over ideas for future projects.

Aesthetically, the photos work well with one another. Every wall has a congruent theme that leads the viewer's eye to the next work.

Currently, Castillo is working on several projects, including a recent series entitled "Car Culture." Inspired by New York photographer Philip Lorca, who is famous for his collection "Heads" that consists of candid shots of New York pedestrians, Castillo takes to the streets of Los Angeles and captures candid photographs of individuals in their cars.

While not working on various projects, Castillo takes part in commercial photography where he shoots headshots of artists as well as promotional photos of products.

Students can view Castillo's work in the gallery or on his website at johmichaelphoto.com.

The exhibition will run until Thursday. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays; noon to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays; and noon to 5 p.m. on Thursdays.

Author to share experiences, written works

Gary Soto will read poetry and stories on Thursday.

By Angela Ratzlaff
Staff Writer

Mark Crosse | MCT

Gary Soto talks about the opening of a museum honoring him at Fresno City College on Dec. 14, 2010.

Accomplished author Gary Soto will present a set of original works at Cal State Long Beach, where he will connect students with his creative writing, poetry and Latino heritage.

Soto, a Fresno native, will perform the reading on campus at the University Student Union Beach Auditorium on Thursday at 7 p.m. The event is put on by the CSULB Hip-Poetics: Creative Writing Club, which works hard to bring the artistic community of Long Beach together.

Along with his vast collection of adult and young adult poetry, Soto also has written young adult fiction novels, including works entitled "Accidental Love," "Crazy Weekend" and "Taking Sides."

Soto's poems encapsulate his Mexican American background, telling tales from working in the fields as a young boy to encountering hardships as a Latino young adult.

"Part of why we thought it would be a good idea to have Soto [come] was because of his Latin American background," said Nicole Street, president of Hip-Poetics and second year creative writing MFA student. "We have a large Latino community on campus."

There will be no set agenda for the reading, and Soto will be given the freedom to choose what he will present.

"We don't dictate what is read by our readers. They are the artists," Street said.

Soto will also be available for a signing and meet-and-greet with students following the reading.

According to Street, the idea of inviting Soto to CSULB was inspired by a class reading of Soto's poem "Oranges." The poem shares a story of a boy finding happiness even when he is not able to afford candy for his love interest.

"It was so beautiful," Street said. "We just loved his poem."

Luisa Pena, vice president of Hip-Poetics and creative writing MFA student, ensures that the reading is not limited to poetry enthusiasts.

"He is going to be an entertaining reader," Pena said. "He will make the poetry and [reading] experience entertaining for [all] people. It is a different experience than sitting in class and reading a poem."

Along with readings, hip-poetics also puts on a collaborative, which brings together creative writing, visual art and live music. The event, which is tentatively set for May 4, shines a light on the prevalent community of artists in Long Beach.

"We want to encourage any type of artist output," Pena said.

To find out more about Hip-Poetics and upcoming events, visit their blog at www.hippoetics.blogspot.com.

Campus Calendar

Feb. 29

Noontime concert
This week's **free concert** will be held at the **USU South Plaza** from **noon to 1 p.m.**

Student art galleries
The **art department** presents **photography group exhibits, sculpture, ceramic, drawing and painting** from **noon to 5 p.m.** The student art galleries are located between the **FA2 and FA3 buildings**. Admission is **free**.

'Lou Reed: Metal Machine Trio'
The **University Art Museum** presents "**Lou Reed, Metal Machine Trio: The Creation of the Universe**" from **noon to 5 p.m.** located **on-campus**. Admission is **free** for students, **$4** for general.

'Static Noise'
The **University Art Museum** presents "**Static Noise: The Photographs of Rhona Bitner**" from **noon to 5 p.m.** located **on-campus**. Admission is **free** for students, **$4** for general.

'Split Moment'
The **University Art Museum** presents **"Split Moment"** from **noon to 5 p.m.** located in the **on-campus**. Admission is **free** for students, **$4** for general.

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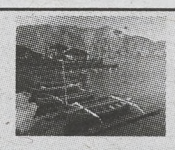

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'Niners host UCI on senior night

Seven LBSU seniors will be honored tonight as they play their last game at Walter Pyramid.

By Daniel Van Hoosier
Assistant Sports Editor

When the Long Beach State men's basketball team takes the court tonight, the home crowd will bid farewell to one of the most productive squads in LBSU history.

Seven LBSU players will play their final game on the Pyramid floor as the 'Niners (21-7, 14-0 Big West Conference) take on UC Irvine (11-17, 6-8 Big West) at 7 p.m.

Larry Anderson, Eugene Phelps, T.J. Robinson, Casper Ware, Edis Dervisevic, Corey Jackson, and Sean Starkey will all be honored before the game as part of senior night.

These players, however, understand there is still work to be done as the Big West tournament approaches.

"We just have to come out and be focused," Robinson said. "It is senior night, it's going to be a great crowd. It's great for us, great for our seniors who built a legacy here."

Robinson added: "We have to come out and focus on winning the game first and after that we can celebrate and have fun for senior night."

In order for the 49ers to continue their dominance of the Big West as the tournament nears, Robinson said the team must stick together as they have done all season long.

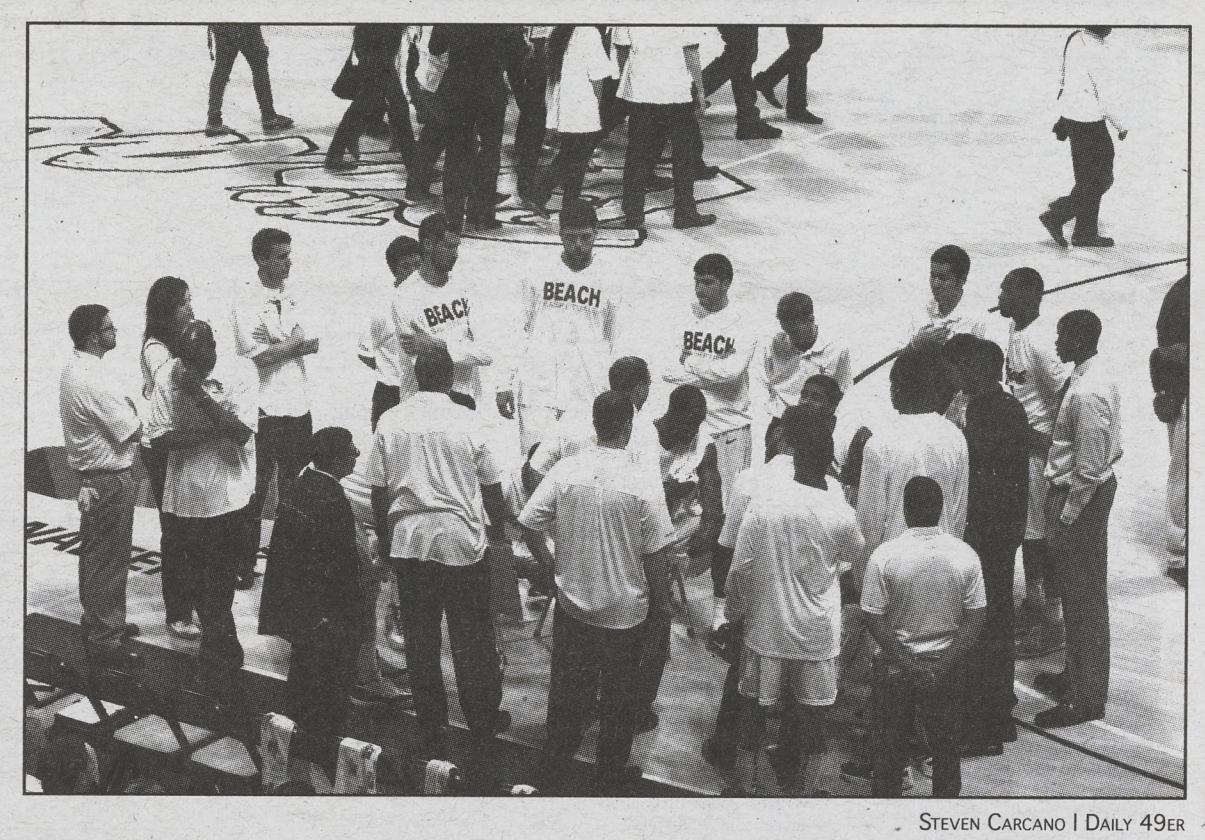
"We have to do what we've been doing all year and play together," Robinson said. "When we play together we can play with anyone in the country. Coach [Monson] always says 'you can be greater than what you are' so we just have to come out with a great focus and play together."

The senior forward said the team is still looking to pick up its defensive intensity in order to stop the Anteaters ability to get to the basket.

LBSU head coach Dan Monson echoed the need to focus on defense and said the team's experience level will help it harness the emotions of its final home game.

"Defensively we can't let them [Irvine] get into a flow," Monson said. "This is a team that has been in the 90 [point range] several times, we can't let them come in here and get comfortable and get into a shootout. We've got to control their offense with our defense."

Monson said his squad is prepared for big moments like the one they will face on senior night.



Steven Carcano | Daily 49er

The Long Beach State men's basketball team is playing its best basketball as the season comes to a close.

"They have played in a lot of big games over four years," he said. "You give them that moment because they can handle it, they are at a point in their career where they deserve to be honored. They came in as young men and are leaving this building tomorrow as grown men."

Monson said it is important to focus each individual task as post-season play begins next week.

"First and foremost we hope to accomplish two more wins," he said. "Second thing is to keep improving both mentally and physically cleaning things up. The most pleasing thing is the last game or two I think we've gotten a little bit better and our guys are starting to play their best basketball at the right time."

UCI is led by junior guard Damon Starring, who is averaging 11.9 points per game so far this season. Junior guard Michael Wilder is the 'Eaters second leading scorer at 11.5 points per contest.

When the Beach faced the Anteaters earlier in the season, Robinson and Ware led the team to a 74-60 victory in the Big West opener.

Robinson scored 14 points to go along with a game-high 13 rebounds while Ware was the game's high-scorer with 19.

After the matchup with the Anteaters, the Beach will close out the regular season at Cal State Fullerton on Saturday at 4 p.m.

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A budget update from President Alexander has informed us that CSULB could face a sudden trigger reduction of $15.6 million dollars midway through the 2012-13 fiscal year. This would happen if Governor Brown's tax measure is not approved on the November ballot. Our total reduction for next year would then be about $26 mil.

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Sincerely,

Prof. Teri Yamada,
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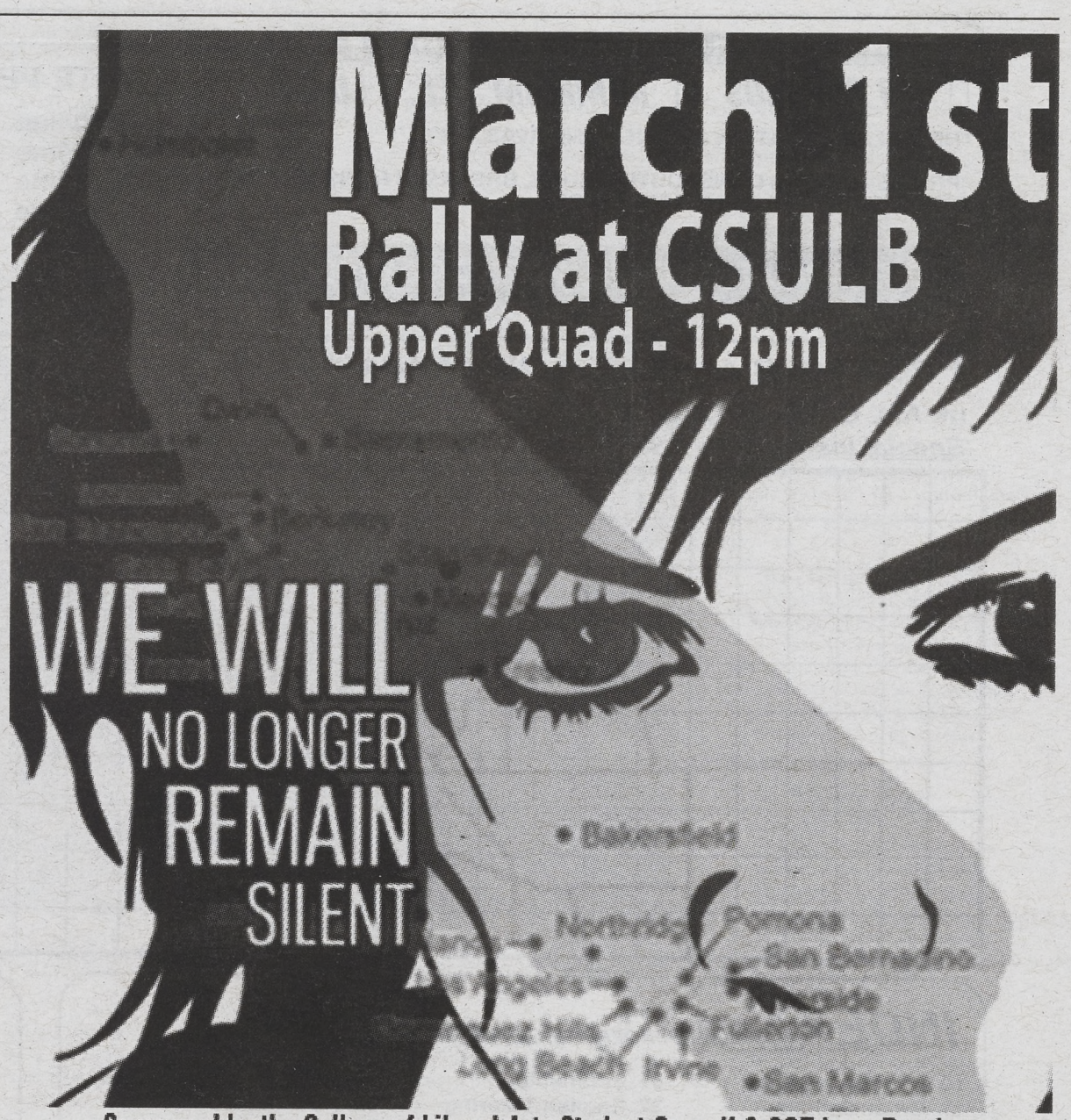
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